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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

AKAHOSHI, Toshiaki

Group Art Unit: 1754

Serial No.: 10/829,264

Examiner: James Fiorito

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For: PROCESS FOR SEPARATING AND RECOVERING VALUABLE METALS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 7, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page six of this paper.